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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSIVE SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This submission is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 25, 2004. Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on July 26, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a). A request for continued examination is filed with this submission. Applicant requests that the appeal be withdrawn, the finality of the February 2004 Office action be withdrawn and prosecution of this application before the Examiner be reopened. A check in the amount of \$1810.00 is attached to cover the three-month extension of time fee of \$1020.00 and request for continued examination fee of \$790. In the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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